

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A multipoint lock (10) including a locking mechanism (16) adapted to selectively retract and extend at least one locking element (12) relative to an elongate housing (14), wherein the locking mechanism includes an arm (30) pivotally attached to a lock actuator (20) and constrained to travel in a channel formed in a linkage device (32) linked to the at least one locking element, and wherein in a first position of the lock actuator, the arm is at a first limit of travel in the channel and is pivoted in a first angular direction with respect to the lock actuator so as to be geometrically locked at the first limit of travel.

ABSTRACT

A multipoint lock including a locking mechanism adapted to selectively retract and extend at least one locking element relative to an elongate housing, wherein the locking mechanism includes an arm pivotally attached to a lock actuator and constrained to travel in a channel formed in a linkage device linked to the at least one locking element, and wherein in a first position of the lock actuator, the arm is at a first limit of travel in the channel and is pivoted in a first angular direction with respect to the lock actuator so as to be geometrically locked at the first limit of travel.